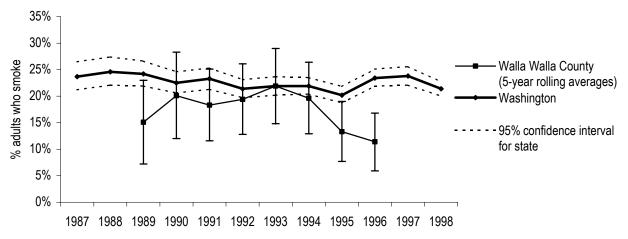
### Walla Walla County Population =56,200 (25% under age 18)

#### **Adult Tobacco Use**

**Current Cigarette Smoking (1987-1998)** 

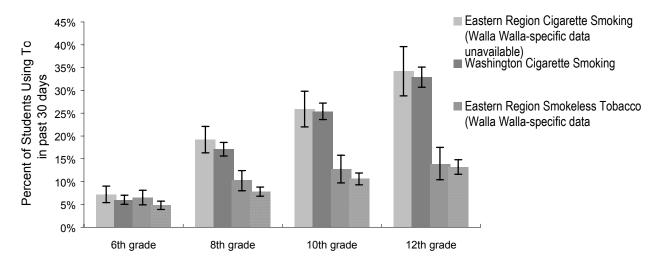


#### **Current Smokeless Tobacco Use (1993-1997)**

Walla Walla County Washington State Entire adult population 2.4% (95%CI:.8,7.9) 2.9% (95%CI:2.5,3.8)

Males only 4.0% (95%CI:1.0,16.0) 5.7% (95%CI:5.0,6.5)

## Youth Tobacco Use (1998)



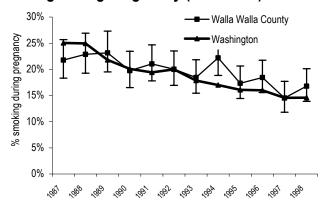
# Summary of the problem

- Adult smoking is consistently less –significantly so in recent years -- than the state as a whole; smokeless tobacco is not significantly different from the state rate.
- Youth tobacco use for the Eastern Washington region is elevated above the state rate for both cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, among all age groups. More data collection is needed to describe youth tobacco use among Walla Walla County youth.
- ☐ Maternal smoking during pregnancy is very similar to the state rate, including exhibiting a declining trend over time.
- Retailer compliance appears worse than the state as a whole, but more checks are needed to generate a reliable estimate.



### Estimated number of current adult and youth smokers who will die prematurely as a result of tobacco use:2,200

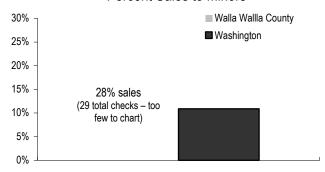
# **Smoking During Pregnancy (1987-1998)**



Infants born annually to mothers who smoke during pregnancy: 119

# Minors Access to Tobacco (1998-1999)

#### Percent Sales to Minors



Number of tobacco retailers in county: 52

Data are not charted when fewer than 50 compliance checks were completed.

Health at Risk (Estimated numbers for county)

Adults who currently smoke	5,800	
Adults who currently use smokeless tobacco	1,200	
Youth who currently smoke	1,100	
Youth who currently use smokeless tobacco	500	
ESTIMATED ANNUAL DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO USE	100	

# **Current Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Activities Highlights during 1999**

- Formed and participated in Walla Walla County Tobacco Advisory Group. Currently working on cessation projects with Walla Walla General Hospital.
- Developed a lending library of tobacco education materials as a resource for county members, including educators and professionals.
- ✓ Conducted compliance checks in cooperation with Liquor Control Board agents.

## **Annual Funding for Program** (12-month funding amounts, FY 1999)

Source	Amount	Agency receiving runding
Youth Access (Retailer License Fees)	\$ 6,083	Walla Walla County-City Health Department
CDC Grant	\$ 5,545	Walla Walla County-City Health Department
Total Per Capita Funding	\$ .21	CDC Recommended Community Per Capita Funding: \$.70-2.00

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TECHNICAL NOTES: (ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IN APPENDIX B)

TOTAL DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO USE ARE ESTIMATED AS 19% OF ALL DEATHS (MCGINNIS AND FOEGE 1993); "DUMBBELL" BARS AROUND DATA POINTS FOR SURVEY DATA REPRESENT 95% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS – THE TRUE VALUE MAY BE ANYWHERE WITHIN THE BARS, BUT MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AT THE DATA POINT; NUMBER OF ADULTS/YOUTH WHO WILL DIE PREMATURELY FROM TOBACCO USE IS ESTIMATED AS 33% OF CURRENT ADULT SMOKERS (MMWR 1996), AND 21% OF CURRENT YOUTH SMOKERS –WHO MAY 'GROW OUT OF' SMOKING BEHAVIOR (USDHHS 1994); "CURRENT ADULT/YOUTH TOBACCO USERS" ARE SYNTHETIC ESTIMATES BASED ON STATEWIDE AGE-SPECIFIC PREVALENCE; FUNDING LEVELS FOR COUNTIES WERE CALCULATED BASED ON DEDICATED YOUTH TOBACCO PREVENTION FUNDS AND CDC FUNDS MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – COUNTIES MAY SUCCESSFULLY SEEK ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TOBACCO CONTROL FROM OTHER SOURCES; "HIGHLIGHTS DURING 1999" WERE IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL PROGRAM STAFF; "CDC RECOMMENDED FUNDING" IS BASED ON BEST PRACTICES FOR TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMS (CDC 1999).